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A Hymn before Morning Prayer.

I.

1 JESUS, my All, to Heav'n is gone,
Him that I plac'd my hopes upon,
His track I ſee, and I'll purſue
The narrow way till Him I view.
The way the holy prophets went,
The road that leads from baniſhment,
The King's highway of holineſs
I'll go, for all his paths are Peace.

II.

No ſtranger may proceed therein,
No lover of the world, or ſin,
No lion, no devouring care,
No ſin, nor ſorrow ſhall be there:
No, nothing may proceed thereon,
But trav'ling ſouls, and I am one;
Way-faring men to Canaan bound,
Shall only in that way be found.

III.

Nor Fools, by carnal men eſteem'd,
Shall err therein, but the Redeem'd
In JESUS' blood ſhall ſhew their right,
And travel on till Heaven's in ſight:
This is the way I long have ſought,
And mourn'd becauſe I found it not;
My griefs a burden long have been,
Becauſe I could not ceaſe from ſin.

IV.

The more I ſtrove againſt its Power,
I ſinn'd and ſtumbled but the more,
Till late I heard my SAVIOUR ſay,
Come hither ſoul, for I'm the Way.
Lo! glad I come, and thou, bleſs'd Lamb,
Shall take me to thee as I am:
Nothing but ſin I thee can give,
For it's thy way, Free to Forgive.

V.

I'll tell to all poor ſinners round,
What a dear SAVIOUR I have found:
I'll tell to all poor ſinners round,
How his free grace doth here abound:
I'll point to thy redeeming blood,
And ſay, behold the way to GOD:
I'll point to thy redeeming blood,
And ſay, &c.

MORNING PRAYER for a Family.

THE ſacrifices of GOD are a broken ſpirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O GOD, thou wilt not deſpiſe.

Enter not into judgment with thy ſervant, O LORD; for, in thy ſight, ſhall no man living be juſtified.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living GOD, by whom the whole world is governed and preſerved; we thine unworthy ſervants, with all humility preſent ourſelves before thy divine Majeſty, to offer our morning ſacrifice of praiſe and thankſgiving, for thy mercy vouchſafed to us ſinful creatures. We bleſs thee for our creation, preſervation, and for bringing us ſafe to the light of this day: But above all, we praiſe

and magnify thy holy name for thine ineſtimable love in the redemption of the world, by our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

We confeſs, O merciful GOD, that we have rendered ourſelves unworthy the leaſt of thy favours, that we have lived in perpetual oppoſition to thy holy will and commands, our ſins have cried to Heaven againſt us, and our iniquities juſtly call for vengeance upon us: But, O bleſſed LORD, who haſt compaſſion on all men, and whoſe property is always to have mercy, pardon us, ſpare us whom thou haſt redeemed, and ſo turn thine anger from us, who humbly acknowledge our vileneſs and ingratitude, that by thy holy fire kindled in our ſouls, we may be cleanſed from all our impurities and abominations, and be qualified for offering unto thee the daily ſacrifice of a broken and contrite ſpirit.

Give unto us, O bleſſed JESUS, the increaſe of faith, hope, and charity, and that we may obtain that which thou doſt promiſe; fill our hearts with the love of that which thou doſt command; enlighten us with a bright inward light, and drive away all darkneſs from the habitation of our hearts.

Repreſs our wandering thoughts, and utterly baniſh thoſe temptations which violently aſſault us: Fight for us, O LORD, and vanquiſh

quiſh all thoſe enticing deſires of the fleſh, that ſo peace may be obtained by thy power, and that thy praiſe may ever ſound in the holy court of a pure conſcience; command the winds and the tempeſt; ſay unto the ſea *be ſtill*, and to the north wind *blow not*, and a great calm ſhall enſue.

Pour out thy grace from above, let thy heavenly dew diſtil upon our hearts; lift up our mind, which is preſſed down by the weight of ſin; draw up our whole deſire to heavenly things, that having once taſted the ſweetneſs of ſupernal happineſs, it may be irkſome to us even to think of earthly vanities; deliver us from all the tranſient comfort of creatures; join us unto thee by an indiſſoluble band of love, for thou alone doſt ſatisfy them that love thee, and, without thee all things are vain.

Vouchſafe, we humbly beſeech thee, moſt merciful GOD, to direct, ſanctify, and govern this, and all the days of our life, both our hearts and bodies, in the way of thy laws, and in the work of thy commandments, that by thy moſt mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preſerved in body and ſoul, through our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, who has commanded us when we pray to ſay,

Our Father, which art in Heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give

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us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, and the Love of GOD, and the Fellowſhip of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Praiſe GOD, from whom all bleſſings flow,
Praiſe him, all creatures here below,
Praiſe him above, ye heav'nly Hoſt,
Praiſe FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST.

A HYMN

A Hymn before Evening Prayer.

HE comes, he comes, the judge ſevere,
The ſeven trumpets ſpeak him near,
His lightnings flaſh, his thunders roll,
How welcome to the faithful ſoul.

From Heaven angelick voices ſound,
See th' Almighty Jesus crown'd,
Girt with Omnipotence and Grace,
And glory decks the Saviour's Face.

Deſcending on his azure throne,
He claims the Kingdom for his own;
The kingdoms all obey his word,
And hail Him their triumphant Lord.

Shout all ye voices of the ſky,
And all ye ſaints of the Moſt High;
Our Lord, who now his right obtains,
For ever and for ever reigns.

EVENING PRAYER for a Family.

LORD we call upon thee, haſte thee unto us, and conſider our voice, when we cry unto thee.

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Let our prayer be ſet forth in thy ſight as the incenſe, and let the lifting up of our hands be an evening ſacrifice.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold ſins and wickedneſs, which we, from time to time, moſt grievouſly have committed, by thought, word, and deed, againſt thy divine majeſty, provoking, moſt juſtly, thy wrath and indignation againſt us; we do earneſtly repent, and are heartily ſorry for theſe our miſdoings, and the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, pardon our offences, waſh us thoroughly from our wickedneſs, and cleanſe us from our ſins; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that by ſincere repentance we may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remiſſion and forgiveneſs, through the merits and mediation of our bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer.

O thou maker and preſerver of all things, viſible and inviſible, keep we beſeech thee the work of thine own hands, who truſt in thy mercy alone for ſafety and protection; guard us with the power of thy grace; let thy holy angels ſurround us, and ſo poſſeſs themſelves of all the paſſes to our hearts, that the treacherous,

cherous enemy of ſouls may have no place left open, whereby to make his approach.

Help and defend us, O merciful GOD, ſhed abroad thy light in our hearts, and put thy word in our mouths; purge us, we beſeech thee, from all manner of impurity, and ſo ſhall we be fit to offer thee the ſacrifice of praiſe; let the continual remembrance of thee diffuſe a conſtant joy through our whole ſoul, and tranſport it with a moſt ardent love of inviſible bleſſings, that our affections may riſe from earth to Heaven, from temporal objects to eternal, and from the dark confuſed view of the creature, to the aſtoniſhing and beatifick viſion of the Creator.

Enable us, by the powerful influence of thy bleſſed Spirit, to continue ſtedfaſt in the belief of thy truth, and plentifully to bring forth the fruits agreeable to that belief; give unto us the increaſe of faith, hope, and charity, and grant that thy mercy may, at laſt, bring us to the attainment of everlaſting ſalvation, where all tears ſhall be wiped from our eyes, and where all thoſe that ſleep in the LORD JESUS enjoy perpetual reſt and felicity.

Charge thy holy providence, O LORD, we humbly beſeech thee, with us this night, and by thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of it; protect our bodies from all adverſities, and our ſouls from all evil thoughts.

thoughts. Grant these our requests, O merciful GOD, through the merits and mediation of the holy JESUS, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, who hath taught and commanded us when we pray to say,

Our Father, which art in Heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

The Grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, and the Love of GOD, and the Fellowship of the HOLY GHOST be with us all evermore.

Praise GOD, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly Host,
Praise FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST.

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